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Early Greece



Read the paragraph for background information. Then use the map to answer the questions.

The city of Mycenae was located at the northernmost end of the Gulf of Argolis. After the Minoans were destroyed by a combination of natural events (earthquakes and volcanic eruptions), the Mycenaeans decided to take over the island of Crete. From what remained of the people there, they learned to build ships. Using bronze shields and weapons, they used the ships they built to sail around the Aegean Sea, conquer people, and establish colonies. While there were other strong cities during the time, the Mycenaeans were the strongest force. They were the first people to rule the area that would someday become Greece.

Before Greece would rise as a great civilization, the Aegean region once more fell into separate city-states. The area was invaded from the sea by barbarians (sometimes known as Philistines) and from the land by the barbarians called Dorians. They had no language and left little evidence of their rule, so this period in ancient Greek civilization is called the Greek Dark Ages.

1. Add the city of Mycenae to your map.
2. Athens and Marathon are located in which section of early Greece? _____
3. Which city is west of Mt. Parnassus? _____
4. About how far is Athens from the city of Marathon? _____
5. What are the approximate coordinates of latitude and longitude for Mt. Olympus? _____
6. Later in history, one of the major Greek cities fought off the Persians at the tiny seaport town of Marathon. Most likely, which city was it? Why?

7. Name two mountains shown on the map. _____
8. Which city is located at approximately 38°N and 23°E? _____
9. Which city is closer to Corinth: Olympia or Sparta? _____
10. Which region is north of Boeotia? _____

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